Public information.

ment of the solicitation and evaluation criteria for joint ventures, and on otherwise carrying out his responsibilities under this section. The Secretary shall appoint members to the Advisory Committee, including at least one member representing—

(i) the Secretary of Commerce;

(ii) the National Laboratories of the Department of Energy;

(iii) the Solar Energy Research Institute;

(iv) the Electric Power Research Institute;

(v) the Gas Research Institute;

(vi) the National Institute of Building Sciences;

(vii) the National Institute of Standards and Technology;

(viii) associations of firms in the major renewable energy manufacturing industries; and

(ix) associations of firms in the major energy efficiency manufacturing industries.

Appropriation authorization.

The Advisory Committee may establish such subcommittees as it considers necessary to carry out this Act.

(B) The Advisory Committee, within 120 days after its establishment, shall provide the Secretary with recommendations regarding the structure and selection criteria for a solicitation of proposals for joint ventures. The Advisory Committee shall also advise the Secretary from time to time on the implementation of the joint venture program. Recommendations

of the Advisory Committee shall be available to the public.

(4) DRAFT SOLICITATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT.—The Secretary shall issue a draft solicitation for joint ventures by September 30, 1990. After such draft solicitation has been issued, the Secretary shall provide for a period of public comment before the issuance of a final solici-

tation.

(5) PROTECTION OF PROPRIETARY RIGHTS.—Joint ventures, participants in joint ventures, and inventions developed as a result of joint ventures under this section shall be subject to section 5 of the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 5104).

(c) TECHNOLOGIES.—

(1) PHOTOVOLTAICS TECHNOLOGY.—(A) The Secretary shall solicit proposals for and provide financial assistance to at least one joint venture for the demonstration of photovoltaic conversion of solar energy in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

(B) The purpose of joint ventures supported under this paragraph shall be to design, test, and demonstrate critical enabling technologies for photovoltaic conversion of solar energy so as to achieve, to the maximum extent practicable, the goals of the Photovoltaic Energy Systems Program set forth in section 4(a)(2), as those goals may be amended under section 4(b).

(C) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary not to exceed $2,700,000 for each of the fiscal years 1991, 1992, and 1993 to carry out this paragraph.

(2) WIND ENERGY TECHNOLOGY.—(A) The Secretary shall solicit proposals for and provide financial assistance to at least one joint venture for the demonstration of the conversion of wind energy in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

(B) The purpose of joint ventures supported under this paragraph shall be to design, test, and demonstrate critical enabling